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SUBJECT: LOAN OF VIETNAMESE MONITORS TO KHMER NAVY

MILITARY COMMANDS HANDLE AS SPECAT EXCLUSIVE

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1. WE HAVE CONCLUDED THAT, NOTWITHSTANDING POTENTIAL
ADDITIONAL CONGRESSIONAL DIFFICULTIES DESCRIBED REFTELS A
AND C, WE MUST FOR OVERRIDING REASONS OF MILITARY NEED
PROVIDE THE KHMER NAVY WITH THE FOUR MONITORS AS REQUESTED
REF B. THIS WILL AFFORD THE KN ADDITIONAL MEANS FOR
FREEING VITAL MEKONG SUPPLY ROUTE FROM CONTINUED BLOCKAGE
BY KC MINES.

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2. OUR JUDGMENT IS THAT THE PROPOSED LOAN IS NOT
PROHIBITED BY LAW; IT WILL, HOWEVER, REQUIRE USG CONSENT
WHICH CANNOT BE GIVEN UNTIL 15 DAYS AFTER NOTICE OF INTENT
IS GIVEN TO CONGRESS. IT SHOULD BE FURTHER NOTED THAT IF

ANY OF THE LOANED VESSELS WERE LOST, ASSUMPTION IS THAT GKR WOULD UNDERTAKE TO REPLACE A LOST VESSEL IN KIND. WE BELIEVE THAT MEETING THIS VITAL GKR NEED IS THE OVERRIDING

ELEMENT HERE, AND WE WOULD EXPECT TO JUSTIFY IT TO THE CONGRESS ON THIS GROUND.

3. ACCORDINGLY, YOU SHOULD SEEK PRESIDENT THIEU'S CONCURRENCE IN THE LOAN OF THESE VESSELS TO THE GKR, EXPLAINING TO HIM FRANKLY THE OVERRIDING MILITARY NEED AS DESCRIBED ABOVE. YOU WILL OF COURSE WISH TO INFORM THIEU THAT WE RECOGNIZE THE PROBLEM THIS TRANSACTION POSES FOR THE GVN AND WE GREATLY APPRECIATE HIS WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE IN THIS ENDEAVOR TO ASSIST THE GKR IN ITS CURRENT CRISIS. KISSINGER

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